

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

WHEREAS, the Lake of the Ozarks is one of the most popular lakes in the Midwest, largely because of the many opportunities for public access; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the public access points, individuals and businesses have been able to obtain dock permits, allowing the lake to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, AmerenUE is responsible for shoreline management at the Lake of the Ozarks, as specified in Article 41 of its license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to operate the Osage Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2005, AmerenUE filed a shoreline management plan with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a portion of which establishes impact minimization zones (IMZs) that classify and restrict certain areas of the shoreline for future development; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the shoreline management plan to balance the recreational, environmental, and economic aspects of the lake is an honorable goal; and

WHEREAS, the impact minimization zones as proposed in the current plan will have a detrimental effect on the economy of the lake area, leading to reduced recreational opportunities for lake residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, restrictions on dock permits could lower the value of lakefront property, decrease traffic at local businesses that rely on the lake for their livelihood, and result in an overall negative impact on the local and state economy:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support the formation of a broad-based impact minimization zone task force comprised of state, county, and municipal officials; state and federal resource agencies; chambers of commerce; and members of the development, recreation, and residential communities to work on a more balanced plan that incorporates the recreational, environmental, and aesthetic values of the Lake of the Ozarks and review dock policies as they relate to impact minimization zone plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to delay authorization of the plan in those portions dealing with impact minimization zones until the new impact minimization zone task force can issue a revised plan that will provide a more balanced plan for the use of the Lake of the Ozarks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the president and board of directors of AmerenUE.